

A few years ago I was introduced to the phrase “mountaintops of faith.” The phrase refers to three signal events in time when deity was made manifest to man: the creation, the exodus, and the resurrection. These events are matters of history, concrete bedrocks of objective evidence upon which rational faith is built.

For the next three months, I’m privileged and grateful to teach on **the** great proof of Christianity—the resurrection—to a group of believers. The resurrection stands tallest of the three mountaintops, and those who build their faith on it will be like an impregnable fortress atop a hill. The darkness and doubt that assail your faith everyday will not be able to overtake it, and you will rise above the uncertainty and confusion of this world with a eye toward heaven and see what matters most in life.

My initial concept for this class was to prepare material to teach on a college campus in order to shine the light of truth in a black darkness of godless secularism. My hopes of this are lately diminished, given the rabid barbarism that has infected institutions of “higher learning.” Still, Christians need to be reminded of and grounded in the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus, especially in a culture of violent unbelief, and I am looking forward to this study all the same.

I will be approaching this study with believers as I would unbelievers: we will examine the testimony of eyewitnesses and those that spoke to eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ and weigh their testimony against the evidence. Each man must determine for himself if he has cause to believe beyond a reasonable doubt based on the evidence. The evidentiary approach is, in my judgment, the best way to approach this study. It does not assume at the outset that the New Testament is inspired, and though I believe it is I must also recognize that most people in the world do not share that view. Brethren sometimes say, “If they don’t believe the Bible is inspired then you can’t talk to them about the gospel.” Not so! Christians have the advantage in religion: ours is the only one that’s based in historical fact, aside from ancient Judaism. This means

that we have evidence, reasons to believe recorded in historical documents. “Come, let us reason together” from the evidence!

Though you may not be able to join us in the flesh, you are cordially invited to participate in the study. A link is provided below that will direct you to the class material and MP3 recordings of the classes. Some of you receiving this email are believers in the resurrection of Jesus, some are not. Either way, we invite you to listen, to question, to search for truth. At present only the first two lessons are available for download since I’m still writing the material. Your questions, comments, and general feedback may help shape the direction of the class, so please don’t be bashful. I will do my best to respond to you in a timely manner and try to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

There is nothing more exciting and compelling to me than the story of the empty tomb and how it came to be that way. I feel that way about it because there is frankly nothing of greater significance nor greater consequence than the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. If you do not already share that view, it is my honest hope that you soon will.

Yours sincerely,

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